



PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

Within the next month, I will be opening the last dorm at PREF, Seibold. The projected date to open this dorm is June 25. Mr. Taylor, Substance Abuse Specialist, will supervise this dorm. The primary purpose of this dorm will be as a recovery unit. It is my intention to place residents who have completed the CLIFF program or a Therapeutic Community at another facility in the same dorm. This way, the residents can help support each other in their recovery.

I would also like to discuss the topic of facility tours. We have guests come to the facility almost daily. These guests visit for many different reasons. Some guests are interested in improving their own programs and look to us for ideas, and others are interested in helping us in our mission. Whatever the reason, we need to be cognizant of our guests and show them the same respect that we would like in return. I am proud of what we are doing at the facility and am happy to share our accomplishments with the public. It is because of your hard work and continued efforts that we continue to receive requests for visits and information.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate last week's announcement regarding the upcoming Major Opportunities pre-apprenticeship program. We are still on track to begin the program on June 25 and are still in the selection process. The

criterion for acceptance into the program is strict and not everyone will qualify. We have twenty available positions. I hope that everyone is excited about this opportunity. The program will consist of classroom study as well as hands-on training. This is one more way to make you marketable upon release.

OPINION COLUMN

Topic: Banning pit bulls.

A few years ago, Mayor Bart Peterson thought Indianapolis should have a new football stadium. He thought too that everyone in Marion and the doughnut counties shared that opinion. Now he thinks that all pit bulls are dangerous and should be banned from Marion County. I disagree with both.

Two members of my family live in Marion County and have pit bulls. In both cases these dogs were introduced into homes that already had or now have other dogs. In both cases the pit bulls blended into the families without any problem.

What I believe Mayor Peterson fails to recognize in promoting legislation against pit bulls is that aggressive dogs have been trained to be that way. These dogs don't ask to be treated the way they are. Irresponsible owners are the ones who are to blame. Why isn't more being done to punish these individuals? It's the owner's fault, not the animals'.

- Dwight Cobbs #891991

The banning of pit bulls is somewhat crazy. I mean, what about the other breeds of dogs that bite people. Pit bulls are not the only aggressive type of dogs. But I will say that the people have created this by fighting them and bragging about how bad their pit is. Although other dogs have fought in fights, the pit is a dominant fighter. Everyone knows it and believes it.

So I think to help prevent dog attacks the humane society and the police should step up.

They should get strays off the street and put to sleep if no one comes and identifies them within a reasonable time.

The police should investigate and find potential fight houses and prosecute and put the dogs to sleep because the dogs are bred to fight and probably shouldn't be adopted after their rescue.

Communities should report potential houses held for fights, suspicious activities and report stray dogs.

If everyone does their part the dog situation will be put to minimal on dog bites and fights.

- Robert Harmon #108754

IBS/PREF HISTORY

By: William J. Seibold

Probably the most infamous student to attend Boy's School was Charles Manson who was found guilty of involvement in the Sharon Tate murder in California in 1969. Before being sent to Boy's School, he had been given the opportunity to go to Father Flanagan's Boy's Town in Nebraska but he ran away within days of arrival. After returning to Indiana he was sentenced to Boy's School in April 1949. He was 14 years old.

In October he ran away from the institution and was caught immediately. In 1951 he ran away again, not to be heard from again until the murders in California.

In a Thomas R. Keating column in *The Indianapolis Star* on October 16, 1975, more of the story appeared. Long time volunteer at the school Agnes Mahoney told about her memories of the boy she had known when she was the principal at school 9 in Indianapolis.

"Charles attended School 9 for nearly two years, in the sixth and seventh grades, while I was principal. I never once had to discipline him, and I never received a single complaint from a teacher about his behavior.

"While he was at School 9 he was always spotlessly clean and nicely dressed, and I could never understand how he did it because his home life was not what you could call stable."

At about this point in Manson's life, his mother was charged with adultery and left town to avoid facing trial, abandoning her son. Boys' School record list Manson's father as "unknown."

"We tried to encourage Charles to participate in activities or sports, but he always had an excuse," Miss Mahoney continued. "He would say his arm hurt or he had a headache. That's probably the most vivid thing I remember about him – the fact he was very shy and never mixed with the other children."

"His biggest problem was that he was often gone," Miss Mahoney stated. "He would be in school six weeks and then be gone three weeks because his mother was always moving here and there."

The Manson "family" committed the California murders in 1969 when Manson was 34 years old. He was denied parole for the 9th time in 1997 at the age of 65. He has been denied parole every year he's gone up for it since 1967.

In 1986, the Superintendent received a letter from Charles Manson from his cell in a prison in California.

BUILDING TRADES

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Congratulations to Mr. J. Little and Mr. T. Case of Westendorf dormitory for having taken and passed the class completion exam for the Building Trades Vocational Program. Mr. Little passed the exam with an overall score of 90%. Mr. Case passed the exam with an overall score of 100%. Good job gentlemen. These two gentlemen will receive certificates of completion of the program as well as 6 months off of their sentence.

The class instructor, Mr. Wehrman deserves to be recognized for the hard work that he puts in on an everyday basis with his students assuring that each and every one of them maximizes their full potential. The two graduates listed above of the final course exam are the direct result of the hard work mentioned.

Again, good job men. All the best to you in your future endeavors in the area of building trades, or elsewhere.

SPORTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Listed below are the scores for the PREF softball tournament games that have been played to date: (Note: The winning teams are in bold type).

May 29, 2007

Barnett 2, **Curl 16**

Hornaday 0, **Cavert 29**

June 3, 2007

Barnett 4, **White 22**

Hornaday 5, **Curl 16**

June 5, 2007

Cavert 12, White 8

Cavert 8, Curl 5

In other sporting and recreational news, there will be an all around weight lifting competition held during the 4th of July weekend. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners as well as an overall/pound for

pound winner. Interested participants, be looking out for postings of the exact date(s) and time(s) that the competition will take place, qualification specifications, rules and regulations, etc. There will be prizes of different kinds for the winners.

From the rec. staff and rec. workers to all PREF residents: When working out in the weight room, be as careful as possible not to drop the weights when finishing a set. Dropping the weights, dumbbells and barbells, causes the bars to bend, making it rather difficult to hold and control the weights. Also, do not place dumbbells and barbells on the weight benches. This damages the bench coverings and also bends the bars. If the weight is so heavy that you can't sit it down without dropping it, then you probably don't need to be picking it up. Lighten the weight if it's too heavy. Save yourself the injury as well as the weights from being damaged.

Be forever mindful of the fact that PREF is but one of the few DOC facilities that still have free-weights. We as residents here at PREF might not have the best set of weights, but what weights that we do have we would like to keep and keep in the best condition as possible. If the weights are damaged beyond use who knows how long it will be before they're replaced, or if they will be replaced at all, free-weights anyway.

The same goes for the other recreation equipment used; ping pong tables and paddles, pool tables and pool sticks, etc.

JOB OPENINGS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Here is a list of jobs that are currently available:

Sanitation:

- Stegemiller – 1 full time / 1 part time (GED)
- Young
- Tanner

- Vocational Bldg/Physical Plant
Substance Abuse clerk
Concrete Crew
Lt. Maxey's Crew
Outside Fence Jobs:
 - IYC Warehouse (requires 1-O) – 2 positions open
 - IYC Flooring and Fencing Crew (1-O/1-R) – 4 positions open
- Any resident interested in any of the above listed jobs, contact Mr. Smith, Classification Specialist III, located in Johnston/Walsh.

JUST A THOUGHT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

If you want a place in the sun, you have to put up with a few blisters.

HAVE A LAUGH

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Maybe a broken reputation can be repaired, but the world will forever be watching the spot where the crack was.

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young-dorm.